

(Washington, DC)— U.S. Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and Representatives Paul Ryan and Gwen Moore sent the following letter today to President Obama urging the administration to do everything in its power to keep the Chrysler Kenosha engine plant open. This letter comes after the delegation members met yesterday with Jim Press, Chrysler's Vice Chairman and President, and John Bozzella, Chrysler's Vice President of External Affairs. Please find the text of the letter below:

The President

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We met with Chrysler officials yesterday to make the case to keep the Kenosha plant open. Chrysler officials gave us no reason to believe they are serious about keeping jobs in Kenosha. Recent reports indicate that although the nation's jobless claims declined, Wisconsin's rate has soared to a 50 year high. At a time when taxpayers have loaned Chrysler billions to keep the company afloat, we find it totally unacceptable that U.S. taxpayers are paying for Chrysler to move the Kenosha engine plant jobs to Mexico. As the U.S. Government now owns 9.85% of the Chrysler Group LLC, we urge you to do everything in your power to keep the Chrysler engine plant in Kenosha open.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Herb Kohl

United States Senator

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Paul Ryan

Member of Congress

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Russell D. Feingold

United States Senator

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Gwen Moore

Member of Congress